**Planning Staff**

Planners provide recommendations to decision-makers on how best to use land to develop a project. Check through the current plans on the city’s website, then reach out with any questions you may have. Contact a Planning Staff member to ask for more information or to be added to the email list for your urban village.

**Neighborhood Associations**

The planning department relies on neighborhood associations to help get feedback about planning. Get to know your neighborhood association’s board members and attend their meetings to stay plugged into your community.

**Developers**

Developers make money by building or renovating properties for sale. Time is money for developers. They want to connect with the community early to avoid costly delays later. Ask planning staff who is developing in your neighborhood. Reach out to the developer and talk about your shared goals.

**City Council**

The City Council is the ultimate decision-maker on an urban village plan. By the time a plan goes to the council for a final vote, most of the work has already been done. Ensure that all ideas have been applied in the plan before it gets to them.

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**Meet the Players**

**City Council Office**

- ATTEND
- RESEARCH
- INFLUENCE

**Property Owners**

- SAY HELLO
- LISTEN

**Planning Commission**

- BE A RESOURCE
- ALIGN

**Neighborhoods Commission**

This commission provides a voice to neighborhood quality-of-life issues. They review proposed policies affecting neighborhoods and make recommendations to the council. They hear from planning staff and developers often, but they also need a resident’s perspective on urban village plans. As your urban village plan evolves, they can be a sounding board and an advocate for the plan.

**FRIENDS**

organizations and community groups—like bike coalitions and "friends of" groups—will help you along the way.

**NETWORKS**

connect with community groups and their members to build support faster than you could on your own.

**EXPERTISE**

organizations like Greenbelt Alliance are experts in planning processes and provide free training and support.

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**How many**

over the next 25 years, the City of San Jose will tackle 70 urban villages.

**Timeline**

the City takes on two or three urban village plans at a time check the timeline.

**Leaders**

if three leaders step up for each urban village, there will be over 200 new advocates for great city planning.

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**Get the Urban Village Toolkit**

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